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**Schooner Floated.**

Sch. Victor and Ethan, which ran ashore on Georges island, while entering Boston harbor Monday from the south channel, was floated by the tug Sadie Ross and towed to T wharf yesterday. She is not leaking and the damage is believed to be slight. She came here this morning.

**Halibut Sales.**

The halibut fare of sch. Preceptor sold to the New England Fish Company at 5 cents per pound for white and 3 cents per pound for gray. The fare of sch. Niagara brought the same figure from the American Halibut Company.

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**Portland Notes.**

About 14,000 pounds of pollock were landed here Monday by the sch. Two Brothers and the sloop Isabel Parsons, otherwise the arrivals of fish were very light, only about 6000 pounds of mixed fish being landed by the small boats. The steamer Carrie and Mildred and the smack Emma C. Berry brought in 6200 lobsters.

**Halibut Sales.**

The fares of halibut of schs. Monitor and Senator sold to the American Halibut Company and that of sch. Yakima to the New England Fish Company each at five cents per pound for white and three cents per pound for gray.

**Trawl Brought Up Stone.**

The otter trawler Spray while setting her trawl on Georges bank, on her recent trip brought up a stone from bottom which weighed 200 pounds.

**Good Stock**

Sch. Rose Dorothea, Capt. Perry, stocked about \$2000 as the result of her fresh fish fare at Boston yesterday.

**Bait.**

There is plenty of good-sized herring at Boothbay Harbor, Me.

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**Today's Receipts.**

Sch. Monitor, St. Peters Bank, 23,000 lbs. halibut, 5000 lbs. flitch halibut, 9000 lbs. salt cod.  
Sch. Marion E. Turner, Rips, 100,000 lbs. pollock.  
Sch. Hope, via Boston, 30,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Steamer Herbert and Emma, shore, 5000 lbs. pollock.  
Sch. Maud F. Silva, via Boston, 15,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Victor and Ethan, via Boston.  
Sch. Senator, St. Peters Bank, 30,000 lbs. halibut.

**Vessels Sailed.**

Sch. Aspinet, Boston.  
Sch. Tecumseh, Boston.  
Sch. Rose Standish, Boston.  
Sch. Waldo L. Stream, halibuting.

**Today's Fish Market.**

Salt Georges cod, large, \$3.50 per cwt.; medium do., \$3; snapper do., \$1.75.

Bank halibut, 5c per lb. for white and 3c per lb. for gray.

Salt pollock, \$1 per cwt.; salt haddock, \$1; salt hake, \$1.

Large "halibut" cod, salt, \$3 per cwt.; medium do., \$2.50; snapper do., \$1.50.

Large "Drift" Georges cod, salt, \$3.12 1-2 per cwt.; medium do., \$2.75; snapper do., \$1.75.

Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large, \$1.65 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.40; Eastern cod, large, \$1.55; medium do., \$1.30; cusk, \$1.50; for large, \$1.10 for medium and 50c for snappers; haddock, 60c; hake, 60c.

Trawl bank cod, large, \$2.75 per cwt.; medium, \$2.50; snappers, \$1.50.

Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.

Round pollock, 50c per cwt.

Outside sales of drift salt cod, \$3.30 for large, \$2.90 for mediums.

**Harbor Notes.**

Sch. yacht Clintonia is on the Rocky Neck railways.

Sch. George R. Bradford is on Burnham's railways.

Schs. Niagara and Stranger are on Parkhurst's railways.

Sch. Aspinet has completed the extensive repairs made necessary by her recent collision, and sailed for Boston yesterday.

Sch. Victor and Ethan is having a new mainmast stepped at Burnham's shears.

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**Fishing Fleet Movements.**

Schs. Minerva, Motor, Nokomis, Ellen C. Burke and Valentinna are fitting out for swordfishing at Boston.

Sch. Hope will fit for swordfishing as soon as her fresh fish fare is discharged.

**Boston Arrivals.**

Sch. Governor Russell, 5000 haddock, 35,000 cod, 11,500 hake.

Sch. Eighty-three, 3500 haddock, 500 cod.

Sch. Peter Bros, 1800 haddock.

Sch. Eva Avina, 8000 cod.

Sch. Quonnapowitt, 7000 haddock, 5000 cod.

Sch. Jessie Costa, 10,000 haddock, 30,000 cod.

Sch. Annie Perry, 11,000 haddock, 25,000 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Mooween.

Sch. Hortense, 7000 haddock, 7000 cod.

Sch. Richard, 8000 haddock, 24,000 cod.

Sch. Matiana, 90,000 haddock, 19,000 cod.

Sch. Josie and Phebe, 20,000 haddock, 20,000 cod, 10,000 hake.

Sch. William A. Morse, 15,000 haddock, 30,000 cod.

Sch. Benjamin F. Phillips.

Sch. Elizabeth W. Nunan, 5000 haddock, 5000 cod, 30,000 hake, 6000 cusk.

Sch. Arbitrator, 8000 haddock, 22,000 cod.

Haddock, \$3.50 to \$4.75 per cwt.; large cod, \$3.25 to \$3.60; market cod, \$1.30 to 1.50; hake, \$1 to \$2.25; cusk, \$1.50.

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**RESIDENTS FAVOR ANNEXATION.****Miquelon Alarmed at Report of Coming of 35 Steam Trawlers.****Fear It Will Mean Ruin of the Fishing Banks.**

The agitation looking to the island of Miquelon is again being agitated at St. Pierre, the French free port and strategic stronghold in the new world. The population of almost 5000, about all fisher folks, see their doom written in the advent of 35 French steam trawlers on the North Atlantic banks.

A St. Pierre despatch says:

"A conflict in the measures furthered in France for the repopulation and restoration of industrial activity of this little island colony, the lone surviving remnant of France's once great dominion in North America, will probably result in a hastening of the depletion of the fishing grounds and the consequent almost entire abandonment of the colony by the remaining 5000 persons.

A movement which at present does not amount to more than uneasiness, but which is likely to gather strength with little fuel, has been aroused by the announcement that a fleet of 35 steam trawling vessels has sailed from France to operate this season on the now scanty banks off St. Pierre.

The wholesale slaughter of fish accompanying the use of steam trawls will not only jeopardize the hand-line fishery of the Pierrois, but will, it is feared, deplete the fishing grounds. The fisheries are the sole sustenance of the inhabitants, and their loss would be a death blow virtually.

The feeling that

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would result in a cessation of the never ending struggle for their meagre existence had long been enjoyed as a hope by the colonists.

Even at the present time it is looked forward to as the only certain means of rejuvenation. With the idea, the leaders of the movement began pointing out the reasons why the United States as well as the colonists would be benefited.

It was urged that in St. Pierre Harbor, the already great facilities of which might easily be increased, the United States would have a point of strategy which is now lacking, a naval station in the North Atlantic.

What the colony is now to the French fishing fleet as a rendezvous it might equally as well be to the Gloucester fishermen, who like the Frenchmen are denied access to

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Newfoundland ports. But offsetting all these hopes is the position of France. That country, despite the various adverse conditions which have originated there, is determined to hold on to the little archipelago for the very reasons that it might be valuable to the United States.

The French government has long felt concern for the needy circumstances of nearly every person in the colony, which has caused an extensive exodus during the past 10 years. Measures for relief were begun, a committee being organized in Paris, composed of men of the highest standing in business and shipping circles. This, with these men behind the operations of the trawlers, the Pierrois cannot understand the move which threatens extinction to their only business. That France should seek to uphold conditions here is regarded as only natural by everybody. For years the French navy was built around the intrepid mariners of Miquelon.

Then, too, the harbor of St. Pierre is the only available rendezvous for the "Metropolitan" fishing fleet, which each year comes to this vicinity from the French ports of Breton and St. Malo. This fleet averaged 300 ships and 10,000 men, but has been seriously depleted by disasters. An element of unrest has frequently entered into the life of the colony. It might almost be said to have existed since the placing into operation of the bait act by Great Britain in 1888, by which the St. Pierre fishermen were prevented from securing bait in the adjacent ports of Newfoundland.

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**OPPOSES GILL NETS.****Correspondent Thinks They Break Up Schools More Than Seines.**

The Times is in receipt of a communication from a subscriber who believes there should be a close time on mackerel, and also that the catching of spawn mackerel in gill nets is damaging to the mackerel fishery in general. Theories and opinions regarding the catching of mackerel when they should and should not be taken, and what sort of gear should be used to catch them, are as numerous and diversified as can be well imagined, and each has its staunch supporters.

The communication is as follows:

"The most damage done to the mackerel fisheries is by the use of miles of mackerel gill nets right in the spawning. These nets catch the mother fish before they have time to spawn, and also break up the mackerel body coming north so that they will not school. Dogfish are bad, but unless a close time is made and the wholesale slaughter of spawn mackerel stopped, Gloucester will not have any use for her seines or seining fleet or netting fleet much longer.

"There is not a fisherman that goes south but what realizes that the catching of thousands of barrels out there is killing the mackerel business for the future for both seiners and netters. It is only a very few years that mackerel netting has been carried on out south.

"I started in the mackerel business in 1868, and fitted a great many small vessels of from 15 to 20 tons for gill netting, but they never went beyond Barnstable bay. In 1869 and 1870 there was a large body of mackerel on the Maine coast, and the netting fleet caught and salted thousands of barrels. The fish stayed there from the last of August until October 25, and on the night of the latter date, every craft got a load, and a northeast storm ended the fishing. Not a barrel of these fish were caught in seines, or at least very few were taken, that way, for the constant setting of so many nets, broke up the schools.

"The time is ripe for inaugurating a close time on mackerel fishing out south, and if done it will be of great advantage to the mackerel fishery in general."

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**Large Halibut Fare.**

Sch. Preceptor, Capt. Fred Upshell, weighed out 92,000 pounds of fresh halibut here, as the result of her recent fine trip, stocking \$2550, the crew sharing \$56.66.

Sch. Agnes, Capt. Ernest Engstrom, weighed out 85,000 pounds of halibut at Boston, as the result of the recent trip.

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**Halibut Fare Sold.**

The halibut fare of sch. Margaret sold to the New England Fish Company at 5 and 3 cents per pound for white and gray. Both companies have a large stock of fish on hand now.



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## NO NEWS FROM CAPE SHORE.

### No Schools of Mackerel Seen at Southward for Two Weeks.

### Only Five of Seining Fleet Now Left in Latter Waters.

No definite word was received yesterday up to noon, as to any particular seiners taking fish on the Cape Shore. The fleet are reported all out on the grounds, and as fish are schooling, news of some good hauls are expected in a few days. Mackerel are reported along the shore from Yarmouth to Canso.

No word of any mackerel seen or schooling to the southward has been received since two weeks ago today. Since a week ago last Monday, the vessels left out there, if there are any, have had good weather to look for fish, but have seen none and none have been reported schooling by the netters, so it looks as though they had done their yearly disappearance act, which usually comes a little later than this out that way. It would not be surprising to hear of some schools at any time off No Man's Land or off the South Shoal lightship.

Of the mackerel seining fleet going at present, comprising 65 sail, 59 are on the Cape Shore. Last year the Cape Shore fleet numbered 63 sail and landed 13,000 barrels of salt mackerel and about 6500 barrels of fresh mackerel.

The craft of the seining fleet left out south now, comprises five sail, schs. Mary T. Fallon, Mertis H. Perry, Georgia and Emily Cooney and steamers Elthier and Bessie M. Dugan, the two latter having been pollock- ing off here for the past six weeks, and have only gone out there recently.

Capt. Samuel Colson of sch. Margaret reports sighting several large schools of mackerel off Cape Negro, on the passage home a few days ago.

Fresh mackerel at New York yesterday brought 20 cents each for large and 18 cents for mediums. There were some mediums in each trip.

The reports received from the provinces at Boston Tuesday afternoon and this morning were cheering to the dealers, who are looking for mackerel from there soon. It will be just a year next Saturday that the seiner Monarch, Capt. John F. Vautier, came unexpectedly to T wharf with the first trip of mackerel of the season, 50,000 fish. Her arrival was followed shortly after by other seiners.

From Canso, N. S., comes the news that Tuesday 1100 mackerel had been taken in traps at Whitepoint, and a few in nets in St. Peters bay. Halifax sent word yesterday morning that 70 barrels of mackerel had been taken at Clark's Harbor, N. S., and that boats at Whitehead had taken from 50 to 115 barrels, and also that some had been taken at Arichat, Decoussé and other places.

The Yarmouth steamer at Boston yesterday had 25 barrels of fresh mackerel from the traps in that vicinity. Mackerel are now reported all along the Cape Shore from Liverpool to Canso.

Two traps at Yarmouth, N. S., took about 40 barrels of mackerel on Monday, the first trap catch of any account this season down that way.

In the trap at Clark's Harbor, on Monday, 85 mackerel were taken.

Some mackerel were reported at Isaac's Harbor, N. S., Monday.

Two mackerel, the first of the season there, were taken in a trap at D'Escousse, N. S., Monday.

A few mackerel were reported at Petit de Grat, N. S., Monday.

Sch. Annie Greenlaw was at Liverpool, N. S., Monday, and cleared.

There is a somewhat stronger feeling in the smaller counts of Norway mackerel due to limited supplies and some jobbing demand. Up to \$11 is now asked for No. 4 in a small way, but \$10.50 will still buy. No. 5 is higher, \$9.25 now seeming to be an inside quotation. Irish and domestic mackerel are dull and nominal. There is little call for herring of any kind and prices favor the buyer, but there has been no actual reduction in quotations. Codfish is quiet with a fairly steady market. Pickled salmon is without animation and prices are somewhat nominal.

#### Netters at New York.

The following netters were at New York yesterday afternoon:

Sch. Blanche F. Irving, 6000 fresh mackerel.

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Sch. John M. Keen, 3500 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Lillian, 4200 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Edith Minot, 2800 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Olga, 360 fresh mackerel.

Sloop Maxwell, 3800 fresh mackerel.

#### Netters at Newport.

Steamer Elthier, 500 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Jennie E., 700 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Dixie, 2100 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Florida, 3200 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Jennie Maud, 1800 fresh mackerel.

Sloop Golden Eagle, 1800 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Gracie E. Freeman, 1100 fresh mackerel.

Sch. N. A. Rowe, 2500 fresh mackerel.

#### Netters at New Bedford.

Sloop Vivian, 9 barrels fresh mackerel.

Sloop Commodore, 9 barrels fresh mackerel.

Sloop Hester of New York, 40 barrels fresh mackerel.

Sloop Crescent, 45 barrels fresh mackerel.

Sloop Perseverance, 23 barrels fresh mackerel.

Sloop Sarah, 23 barrels fresh mackerel.

Sloop Frank Butler, 25 barrels fresh mackerel.

Sloop Hester, New Bedford, 22 barrels fresh mackerel.

Sloop Geraldine, 21 barrels fresh mackerel.

Sloop M. McKenzie, 23 barrels fresh mackerel.

Sloop Alert, 14 barrels fresh mackerel.

Sloop William Wolf, 15 barrels fresh mackerel.

Sloop Climax, 21 barrels fresh mackerel.

Sloop Albert Brown, 41 barrels fresh mackerel.

Sloop J. W. Caswell, 32 barrels fresh mackerel.

Sloop Jessie, 19 barrels fresh mackerel.

Sloop Lewie Warren, 28 barrels fresh mackerel.

Sloop Water Witch, 4 barrels fresh mackerel.

Sloop Wixon, 4 barrels fresh mackerel.

Sloop Magnolia, 41 barrels fresh mackerel.

Sloop Torpedo, 5 barrels fresh mackerel.

Sloop L. A. Garfield, 6 barrels fresh mackerel.

Sloop Barbara, 56 barrels fresh mackerel.

Sloop Nancy, 17 barrels fresh mackerel.

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#### GOOD CLAM DIGGING.

Leslie Flye of North Brooklin, Me., in one day dug more than 10 bushels of clams, which dressed out 136 pounds for the Sedgwick clam factory. This is said to be a record.

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#### Fishing Fleet Movements.

About all the big market fishing boats from this port, Boston and Provincetown have now given up fishing on the shore and will make their trips to the South Channel, Georges and other off shore grounds.

Sch. Raymah, which was at North Sydney, C. B., May 31, had 90,000 pounds of fish on board. She was unable to get bait there and sailed for the Magdalens.

Sch. Tacoma of this port was at Mulgrave, N. S., Monday to ship home a consignment of fresh halibut.

Sch. Lucinda I. Lowell of this port was at Louisburg, C. B., on Monday to land a sick man for medical treatment.

Sch. Electric Light, one of the lobster fleet, recently ashore near Lockport, N. S., and floated, was at Liverpool, N. S., for repairs.

Schs. Moosnam, Evelyn M. Thompson and Pontiac were at Lunenburg, N. S., on Friday.

Capt. Samuel Colson of sch. Margaret, reports speaking sch. Dictator.

#### FEW ARRIVALS HERE.

One Halibut Fare, One Drift Trip and Four Pollockers.

Arrivals here since last report have been light. Sch. Margaret came in yesterday afternoon with a fresh halibut trip and four of the gasoliners had small pollock catches. This morning sch. Gladys and Sabra from a salt drift trip, had a nice fare, 47,000 pounds salt cod.

#### Price of Cod Raised.

The fare of "halibut" salt cod of sch. Mooween sold to George Perkins & Son at \$3 per hundredweight for large and \$2.75 for medium, a raise of 25 cents on the latter over board of trade figures.

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## FISH PRICES DECLINED.

### Little Demand in Boston for Any Except Haddock.

Seventeen vessels showed up at T wharf this morning with good catches and struck a falling market. Haddock were a good price, but other fish were off from the fine prices which have prevailed all the week. Some of the fish will come to this port to split.

Schs. Robert and Arthur and Richard J. Nunan, each with 49,000 pounds, are high fares. Other good ones are sch. Mary DeCosta, 43,000 pounds, sch. Matchless, 40,000 pounds, sch. Mary C. Santos, 45,000 pounds. The drift cod fisherman Viking has 28,000 pounds, sch. Galatea, in the same line of fishing, 18,000 pounds, and sch. Appomattox, 22,000 pounds. The other market fares run from 1800 to 19,000 pounds. The pollock seiner Olive F. Hutchins has 60,000 pounds of "ministers" and sch. Robert and Carr 25,000 pounds.

Schs. Viking and Galatea will bring their market cod here to split, sch. Richard J. Nunan will bring down her cusk and some hake, and sch. Robert and Carr will bring her pollock down.

When the market opened, new haddock brought \$3.25 to \$3.50, large cod, \$2.50 to \$2.75 and market cod, \$1.30, there being little call for the latter. Large hake brought \$1.25, with no sale for small and some pollock sold for \$1.

The fishermen on the Kennebec are proving that the shad have not entirely left that river, and yesterday morning sent up 50 barrels of that fish to Boston. There is more coming today from New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. New Brunswick fishermen sent up by rail 36 boxes of salmon, and 15 boxes more will be on the St. John steamer, due today, and some on the Yarmouth steamer.

In the excitement of the opening of the fish exchange at T wharf, yesterday morning, some of the dealers got badly caught. There were a number of vessels at T wharf, and they had considerable fish on board and there was every chance that others would come in later. The price of cod and haddock, however, was run away up by some dealers, who seemed anxious to get part of what was in. These dealers found themselves facing a clear loss when the price fell off \$1 a hundredweight a short time later.

#### Nova Scotia Fish Movements.

Digby—Herring and lobsters fair; cod and halibut scarce.

Yarmouth—Two traps reported about 40 barrels mackerel; other branches fair.

Pubnico—Cod plenty; lobsters scarce.

Clark's Harbor—Lobsters fair; 85 mackerel reported in trap.

Port La Tour—Cod fair.

Liverpool—Cod, halibut and lobsters plenty; haddock, herring and salmon fair; American seiner Annie Greenlaw in port; other seiners left port.

Lunenburg—Cod fair; lobsters scarce.

Musquodoboit—Cod and lobsters fair.

Salmon River—Herring plenty; lobsters and trout fair.

Isaac's Harbor—Lobsters fair; few cod, herring and mackerel reported.

Arichat—Cod and mackerel fair.

Petit-de-Grat—Few mackerel reported.

Descousse—Two mackerel reported for first.

Lockport—Small boats report few fish inshore; off shore boats nil; lobster fishing practically ended by storm; two American seiners in port.

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#### Steam Trawlers Coal at North Sydney.

Two steamers of the French steam trawling fleet arrived at North Sydney, C. B., Monday for bunker coal. Both are from Arachon, France, and having been on the banks but a short time, have but little fish.



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## Today's Receipts.

Sch. Agnes, via Boston, 2000 lbs. salt cod.  
 Sch. Mooween, via Boston, 20,000 lbs. salt cod.  
 Sch. Margaret, Quero Bank, 28,000 lbs. halibut, 10,000 lbs. salt cod.  
 Sch. Gladys and Sabra, 45,000 lbs. salt cod.  
 Sch. Mary Emerson, shore, 16,000 lbs. pollock.  
 Steamer Bessie A., shore, 15,000 lbs. pollock.  
 Steamer Herbert and Emma, shore, 13,000 lbs. pollock.  
 Steamer Independence, shore, 10,000 lbs. pollock.  
 Sch. Dictator, Quero bank, 10,000 lbs. halibut, 50,000 lbs. salt cod.

## Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Mary E. Cooney, haddock.  
 Sch. Maud F. Silva, haddock.  
 Sch. Oliver F. Kilham, Rips.  
 Sch. Ida M. Silva, Boston.  
 Sch. Marion E. Turner, pollock sein-  
 ing.  
 Sch. Lawrence Murdock, Georges.  
 Sch. Arthur D. Story, Georges.

## Today's Fish Market.

Salt Georges cod, large, \$3.50 per cwt.; medium do., \$3; snapper do., \$1.75.  
 Bank halibut, 5c per lb. for white and 3c per lb. for gray.  
 Salt pollock, \$1 per cwt.; salt haddock, \$1; salt hake, \$1.  
 Large "halibut" cod, salt, \$3 per cwt.; medium do., \$2.50; snapper do., \$1.50.  
 Large "Drift" Georges cod, salt, \$3.12 1-2 per cwt.; medium do., \$2.75; snapper do., \$1.75.  
 Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large, \$1.65 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.40; Eastern cod, large, \$1.55; medium do., \$1.30; cusk, \$1.50; for large, \$1.10 for medium and 50c for snappers; haddock, 60c; hake, 60c.  
 Trawl bank cod, large, \$2.75 per cwt.; medium, \$2.50; snappers, \$1.50.  
 Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.  
 Round pollock, 50c per cwt.  
 Outside sales of drift salt cod, \$3.30 for large, \$2.90 for mediums.

## PORT OF GLOUCESTER.

## Arrived Today.

Sch. Frederica Shepp, New York for Lanesville, coal.  
 Sch. Manie Saunders, New York for Stonington.  
 Sch. Mary E. Olys, South Amboy for Ipswich.  
 Sch. Charles J. Willard, South Amboy, coal for Cape Ann Anchor works.  
 Barge Marion, Philadelphia, coal.  
 Barge Beechwood, South Amboy for Newburyport.

## Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Mary DeCosta, 20,000 haddock, 15,000 cod, 1000 hake, 7000 cusk.  
 Sch. Robert and Arthur, 12,000 haddock, 12,000 cod, 25,000 hake.  
 Sch. Annie Perry.  
 Sch. Olive F. Hutchins, 60,000 pollock.  
 Sch. Robert and Carr, 25,000 pollock.  
 Sch. F. M. Parker, 700 cod, 5000 hake, 1000 cusk.  
 Sch. Washakie, 5500 haddock, 1000 cod, 5000 hake.  
 Sch. Appomattox, 22,000 cod.  
 Sch. Fannie Ball, Atwood, 12,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 2000 hake.  
 Sch. Richard J. Nunan, 1500 haddock, 5000 cod, 30,000 hake, 12,000 cusk.  
 Sch. Matchless, 12,000 haddock, 28,000 cod.  
 Sch. Viking, 28,000 cod.  
 Sch. Galatea, 18,000 cod.  
 Sch. Genesta, 10,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 3000 hake.  
 Sch. Lena May, 1500 haddock, 300 cod.  
 Sch. Hattie F. Knowlton, 3500 haddock, 200 cod.  
 Sch. Mary C. Santos, 5000 haddock, 40,000 cod.  
 Sch. Nettie Franklin, 2000 haddock, 17,000 cod, 1000 hake.  
 Haddock, \$3.25 to \$3.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$2.50 to \$2.75; market cod, \$1.30; large hake, \$1.25; pollock, \$1.

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## Tanned Fish Skin.

H. W. LeMessurier, assistant collector, who represents the British Board of Trade in Newfoundland, has had some inquiries for Newfoundland tanned codfish skin, reference to which was recently made in a paper. Mr. L. has procured from Clouston two or three finished skins, and has despatched them to the old country. The skins look tough and strong and there can be no doubt they will make excellent material for purses, belts satchels and for bookbinding purposes. The possibilities for trade in these goods are enormous.

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## NO CATCHES YET ON CAPE SHORE.

## The Fleet There Has Met Considerable Bad Weather.

## Sch. Grampus Sighted Many Porgies but Few Mackerel.

Probably one of the reasons why no catches have been heard from as made by the seining fleet on the Cape Shore is the fact that the vessels down there have been up against considerable bad weather since the fish came on that coast. Capt. William H. Collins, who returned last night from Liverpool, N. S., reports that there has been little fish weather the past week or 10 days, but that yesterday was a good day.

Capt. Collins, who has been at Liverpool, floating schs. Lena and Maud and Judique, says that many of the fleet were heard from while he was there, in and out of harbors between Yarmouth and Halifax about every day, and that they really had had little or no chance to look for fish. He was over to Lunenburg, and in talking with one of the net fishermen who had set pretty well off shore, he learned that this man had seen some schools outside of where he had put out his nets, but there were no seiners there. Yesterday, the captain thought, must have been a pretty good day on the Cape Shore and the fleet would have a good chance to look for schools.

A dispatch this afternoon to the Times from its Newport correspondent brings the good news that mackerel are again schooling out south, the netters arriving at that port today reporting that many schools are showing all the way from Block island, across to No Man's Land, and also off Gay Head.

Steamers Elthier and Bessie M. Dugan have been added to the seining fleet, making the total number of seiners at present, 67 of which six are out south and 61 on the Cape Shore.

The traps at Lockeport, N. S., took 200 barrels of mackerel yesterday.

A Halifax dispatch received yesterday morning says that yesterday 35 barrels of mackerel were taken in traps at Yarmouth, 100 fish at Arichat, and that the fishermen at Lunenburg, Canso, St. Peters and L'Ardoise had taken some.

A vast herd of seals was attracted by mackerel in the trap at Clark's Harbor, N. S. At this game they discount the dogfish.

Schs. Oriole and Mary E. Hart were at Lunenburg, N. S., on Tuesday.

Schs. Pontiac, Evelyn L. Thompson and Moaniam were at Lunenburg, N. S., on Monday and schs. Mary E. Hart and Oriole on Tuesday.

Schs. Constellation, Clintonia, Squanto, Diana and Pontiac were at Halifax on Tuesday.

Mackerel made a very slim appearance up to Monday at Prospect, N. S., but a better catch on that day has had a tendency to make it more hopeful. The catch Monday, there would probably reach 10 or 12 thousand.

The following American seiners put in at Prospect, N. S., Sunday, for shelter and Saturday, and reported no mackerel: Mildred V. Nunan, Muriel, Arthur Binney, Terra Nova, Shenandoah, Evelyn M. Thompson, Veda M. McKown, Electric Flash, Speculator, Benjamin A. Smith and Avalon. With this fleet at anchor 31 sail could be seen in the offing.

The traps at Clark's Harbor N. S., on Tuesday, took 70 barrels of mackerel, the Yarmouth traps 13 barrels and the Canso traps 1100 fish in count, while some were also taken in the traps at Whitehead.

## Netters at New York.

The following netters were at New York yesterday afternoon:  
 Sloop Maxwell, 3800 fresh mackerel.  
 Sloop Olga, 360 fresh mackerel.

## Netters at Newport.

The following netters were at Newport yesterday:

Sch. Clara T., 1700 fresh mackerel.  
 Sch. Reliance, 700 fresh mackerel.  
 Sch. Clement, 650 fresh mackerel.  
 Sch. Julietta, 3000 fresh mackerel.  
 Sch. Cherokee, 2100 fresh mackerel.  
 Sch. Marguerite, 2400 fresh mackerel.  
 Sch. Fitz A. Oakes, 1200 fresh mackerel.  
 Sch. Robert C. Harris, 2100 fresh mackerel.  
 Sch. Alice, 1700 fresh mackerel.  
 Sloop Sylvester, 900 fresh mackerel.  
 Sch. Reliance, 1200 fresh mackerel.  
 Sch. Mary, 900 fresh mackerel.  
 Sch. A. P. Parkhurst, 2200 fresh mackerel.  
 Sloop Lear C., 2000 fresh mackerel.

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## Netters at New Bedford.

The following netters were at New Bedford Thursday afternoon:  
 Sloop Active, 19 barrels fresh mackerel.  
 Sloop Florence, 15 barrels fresh mackerel.  
 Sloop Betsy Ross, 29 barrels fresh mackerel.  
 Sloop Rattler, 21 barrels fresh mackerel.  
 Sloop Dart, 20 barrels fresh mackerel.  
 Sloop Braganza, 26 barrels fresh mackerel.  
 Sch. Mabel Bryson, 37 barrels fresh mackerel.  
 Sloop Vesta, 20 barrels fresh mackerel.  
 Sloop Diana, 23 barrels fresh mackerel.  
 Sloop Wodan, 10 barrels fresh mackerel.  
 Sch. Gracie Smith, 26 barrels fresh mackerel.  
 Sloop M. T. Rackett, 14 barrels fresh mackerel.  
 Sloop Pearl, 46 barrels fresh mackerel.

## Investigations by Sch. Grampus.

The United States fish commission sch. Grampus, on which craft Capt. Jerry Cook is conducting a mackerel research cruise for the government, put in at Newport Wednesday night. Capt. Cook, in talking with the captains of the big fleet of netters in there at that time and with the fish buyers, said that since May 26, the craft has cruised all over the fishing ground between Barnegat and Block island. Working in toward Barnegat and then coming east, up the Jersey coast and along the Long Island shore, the ocean seemed to be alive with large schools of porgies.

The Grampus went 40 miles to the southward of Montauk, and off there, on Monday, the porgie schools were so thick that it seemed one could almost walk on them. Tuesday, the Grampus was off 15 miles south of No Man's Land, and there 10 red schools were sighted, but the fish were down so far that Capt. Cook was unable to say that they were mackerel, but he had reason to believe they were. There were large flocks of sea geese in the vicinity and setting close to each school.

Sch. Georgia came out through the sound and sch. Mary T. Fallon was about six miles from the Grampus when the schools were sighted. The Grampus attracted their attention by jibing over two or three times and they came up and spoke her, Capt. Cook telling the skippers what he had seen. After this it breezed up and the fish did not show again.

That night, Tuesday, Capt. Cook set 15 nets in the same vicinity, and got 223 mackerel, 40 of which were mediums. On Wednesday morning, the Grampus worked off 20 miles south from No Man's Land, where there were large flocks of sea geese, setting on the water, and gannets diving about. The wind breezed up fresh to the south south-west, and the Grampus kept off for Newport.

Capt. Cook said that they had found large quantities of red feed in the water, by using tow nets. He reports the netters doing well down back of No Man's Land and there is also good doings in the netting line from Shinnecock to Muskeget Channel.

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## Maine Close Clam Season.

The Maine state law in regard to the shipping of clams went into effect June 1. The law forbids the shipping of clams, whether in the shell or not, out of the state, from now until the beginning of fall.

The law, however, does not apply to clams which have been salted and barreled, to be used for bait, and which were put up previous to June 1. The penalty for violation of the law is \$3 fine for each bushel seized during the close time.

## Lunenburg Fishing Notes.

Sch. Hilda M. Backman cleared for Labrador Saturday night with 16 men.  
 Sch. Shamrock cleared for the Grand banks on Friday.  
 Schs. Makato and E. M. Zellers cleared for North bay on Thursday.  
 Sch. Henry L. Montague arrived at Canso Thursday evening with the large catch of 1075 quintals of fish.  
 Sch. Glenwood arrived Saturday from the Magdalen islands with 1900 bbls. herring in bulk.

## Lobster Smack Ashore.

The lobster smack, Electric Light of Boston, with a load of live lobsters, which parted both chains, and went ashore near the ferry wharf at Lockeport, N. S., during the recent gale, now lies in an easy position, although considerably damaged. The lobsters were taken out early Monday morning, and shipped to Boston by train.